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IN IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Terrence W. Schmidt, Gary M. Noland, Anthony J. Mannino  
Title: **MISSION MODULE SHIP DESIGN**  
Serial Number: 10/712,777  
Filing Date: November 12, 2003  
Examiner/Unit: Ajay Vasudeva / 3614  
Attorney Docket No.: 1934-007-03

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☐ A response/amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

Computation of Fee  
For Claims as Amended

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Total Claims	30	Minus	30	=	0 x	\$50/\$25 =	\$-0-
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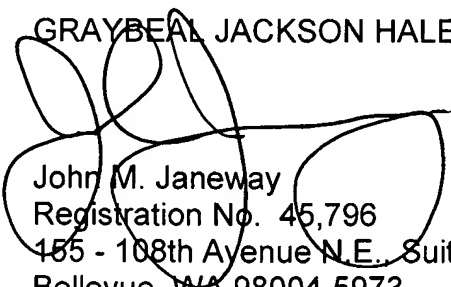
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

23 January 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

The applicants' attorney amends the claims and specification, and requests reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6.

An **Appendix** including amended figures is attached following page 9.